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April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chair House Committee on Appropriations 2413 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1026 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for **Pop Up Hazel** in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hazel Park, located at 111 East Nine Mile Road, Hazel Park, MI 48030.

The funding would be used to develop a vacant lot along Hazel Park's major corridor, John R Road, to host food trucks and pop-up businesses. The City of Hazel Park would enter into month-to-month leases with budding entrepreneurs and seek out businesses that specialize in traditional retail and sale of goods produced by local artists. This lot will include a food truck area as well as a farmer's market with an awning. The awning will provide weather coverage for food truck customers and allow several local farmers to operate on designated days. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will encourage economic development on John R Road, Hazel Park's major corridor. "Pop Up Hazel" will be utilized as a new gathering space by Southeast Michigan residents and visitors, provide needed retail and food establishments and create economic opportunities for entrepreneurs that may not have easy entry into the marketplace due to a lack of capital or experiences.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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